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INFO AMEMBASSY CAIRO

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SUBJ: GATEMOUTH BROWN AND GATE'S EXPRESS

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1. GATEMOUTH BROWN AND GATE'S EXPRESS ENDED THEIR KENYA STAY WITH TWO SUCCESSFUL CONCERTS, ONE EXCLUSIVELY FOR GRANTEES AND OTHER TOP LEVEL KENYANS AT THE FRENCH CULTURAL CENTER AND ONE AT KENYATTA UNIVERSITY COLLEGE. BOTH AUDIENCES (TOTALLING 1,700) ENTHUSIASTICALLY REACTED TO THE GROUP'S PACKET PRESENTATION OF INDIGENOUS AMERICAN MUSIC. THE HIGHLY SOPHISTICATED AUDIENCE AT THE FRENCH CULTURAL CENTER EVEN RESPONDED TO BROWN'S "LIVELY, EARTHY JOKES AND TEASING CHATTER."

2. OVERALL THE GROUP ADDED NEW FANS AS WELL AS DEEPENED THE APPRECIATION OF THOSE WHO ALREADY REVERE AMERICAN BLUES, JAZZ, COUNTRY AND WESTERN MUSIC DURING THE FIVE KENYA CONCERTS (TWO IN MOMBASA, THREE IN NAIROBI).

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3. ALTHOUGH THE TALENTED AND VERSATILE GATEMOUTH IS

THE STAR ATTRACTION, HIS BACK-UP BAND DESERVES SPECIAL  
LAUDATION. INDIVIDUALLY, EACH IS AN ACCOMPLISHED,  
DEDICATED MUSICIAN, COLLECTIVELY THEY ARE CAPABLE OF PUTTING  
ON A TERRIFICALLY CROWD PLEASING PERFORMANCE SANS MR.  
BROWN. (SEE REFTEL).  
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